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Inauguration program of Global Classrooms in the Asamblea de Madrid

Today and tomorrow the Asamblea de Madrid will become the plenary chamber of the UN

Today, more than 200 high school students from 18 public schools in Madrid, attended the inauguration of Global Classrooms, an innovative international program where they learn and simulate the operation of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

This is the eighth year of the program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Madrid in collaboration with the Department of Education and Employment of the Community of Madrid, the Fulbright Commission and the British Council.

Bay Fang, who is responsible for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs for Europe at the State Department and Rosa Posada Chapado, First Vice President of the Assembly of Madrid, attended the inauguration.

On February 26 and 27 participating students will meet in separate sessions to propose, debate and pass several resolutions on two topics: “protection of orphans and children” and “water resources.” The participants have prepared their cases during the previous months with help from teachers, assistants from the Fulbright program and from the UN itself.

At the end of this conference, ten students will be selected to participate in a similar program with young people from other countries, to be held in May at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Several institutes from the Community of Madrid will participate in Global Classrooms 2013: IES Laguna de Joaztel, IES Manuel de Falla, IES Joaquín Araujo, IES Isaac Albeniz, IES Prof. Maximo Trueba, IES Villa de Vallecas, IES Ciudad of Jaen, IES Jose Luis Sampedro, IES Parque Lisboa, IES San Juan Bautista, IES Ramiro de Maeztu, IES Fortuny, IES Ciudad de Poetas, IES La Senda, IES Colmenarejo, IES Angel Corella, IES Doctor Marañón and IES Severo Ochoa.

More information at:

<http://www.unausa.org/global-classrooms-model-un-spanish.madrid.usembassy.gov>

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